

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A dishwasher comprising:
at least one washing container for receiving items to be cleaned; and
a system for recognition of the fluid level of the rinsing fluid contained in the dishwasher, the fluid level recognition system having at least one capacitive filling level sensor whose electrical capacitance changes as a function of the height of the fluid level.
12. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the filling level sensor is in the form of a capacitor whose electrical capacitance varies depending on the dielectric constant of the medium surrounding the filling level sensor.
13. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein at least two filling level sensors are provided between which an electrical circuit preferably closes at low current as soon as the filling level sensors simultaneously come in contact with the rinsing fluid.
14. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for recognition of filling level comprises electronic means which preferably qualitatively and quantitatively detect the electrical capacitance or the electrical conductivity of the filling level sensor and its variation.
- 15 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for recognition of filling level comprises a number of capacitive filling level sensors which are preferably arranged at the height of specific fluid levels on the washing container.

- 16 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein at least one filling level sensor is arranged on the base assembly in such a manner that rinsing fluid that has flowed from the washing container into the base assembly can be detected.
- 17 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for recognition of filling level comprises a filling level sensor by which means at least two different fluid levels can be determined.
- 18 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the filling level sensor has an extended, preferably substantially rectangular shape.
- 19 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the filling level sensor is located inside the washing container preferably at a position protected from spray water.
- 20 (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein a fixing side of the filling level sensor is provided with a self-adhesive layer.